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RE: UNITED STATES v. JEFFREY HART

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced that Jeffrey Hart, 27, of Tonawanda, New York, pled guilty today before U.S. District Judge John T. Elfvin to possession of child pornography.

U.S. Attorney Battle said the defendant admitted that on June 30, 2004 he possessed numerous images of child pornography on a computer at his Tonawanda residence, and that from time to time he distributed child pornography with the expectation of receiving other child pornography in return. The maximum penalty is 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

The plea was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent-in-Charge Peter J. Ahearn and the Town of Tonawanda Police Department. Sentencing is scheduled for May 20, 2005, at 1:00 p.m.

The defendant has resigned from his position as an Art teacher at Hoover Elementary and Middle Schools.

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